

SPORTS

GROOM PITCHES AGAINST NEW YORK YANKEES TO-DAY
HARVARD VS. CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AT BROOKLAND

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GROOM IS SLATED
TO PITCH OPENER
AGAINST NEW YORK

Russell Ford Likely to Toe
the Slab for the
Highlanders.

KID ELBERFELD IS SOLD

By WILLIAM PERRY.

Before Manager Clark Griffith of the Nationals, departed with his team for New York he announced that Bob Groom would pitch the opening game against the Yankees and that in all probability Walter Johnson would work on Tuesday.

Groom during the past two years has been mighty effective every time he faced the New Yorkers, and as the lanky finger is in the best possible shape, all that is needed is a little bailing strength behind him, and the game is virtually won.

As the Washington players lounged around the Majestic Hotel in Philadelphia Saturday morning, one of the youngsters made the statement that if Bob Groom only has a little more weight he would be a great pitcher. Groom overheard the remark, and good-naturedly said to the player:

"I'll bet I weigh twenty-five pounds more than you."

The bet was snapped up, and every body made a rush for the scales. To the surprise of the audience, Sir Robert tipped the beam at 174 pounds.

"I lose," exclaimed the youngster, "I thought you didn't weigh more than 150 pounds."

Groom certainly is a deceptive looking twirler, and incidentally when he is right and his curve ball working correctly, is a stumbling block for any club in the Johnson circuit.

The Nationals are going to find the New York Yankees a hard team to beat, particularly right now, as the Boston Red Sox have just cleaned up on the Hilltop, landing all three games, and Wolverton's game is fighting hard. The chances are that Russell Ford will pitch for the Highland clan, and Ford is a tough one for the Nationals any time he goes into the box.

As The Washington Herald stated this morning, the next shift for Kid Elberfeld is Milwaukee. Manager Griffith said the following word last night:

"Elberfeld is today in Milwaukee."

Whether or not the Kid will report to Milwaukee is another question, but Griffith will have to watch the return of the star. If Hugh Duffy, the Milwaukee manager, forks over the necessary cash, it is understood that the money involved for Elberfeld's release is \$12,000.

Had Elberfeld joined the Nationals, it would have been only a question of time before he would have been disposed of, as Griffith intended to pursue his policy of building up a team of youngsters and using only the veterans he now carries on the club pay roll.

If the weather in New York permits of three games and Johnson is not forced to work out of turn, the Kansas City cycle will be in the box when the season opens in the Capital next Thursday.

Johnson should pitch in New York Wednesday, he will not open here. Griffith does not intend to pitch Johnson, Walker, Groom, or Cashion out of turn.

Yes; I guess we'll have to do it out that baseball is on the decline and headed swiftly toward the ash heap as the great American sport. Only 15,000 persons paid admissions into eight parks to see the opening day's games.

John J. McGraw, speaking of the Yale team in the Yale Daily News, says:

"I consider this year's Yale team one of the best, if not the best, that the Giants have ever played. It shows far more promise than any nine of recent years, being in general well balanced and not weak in any department. It does, of course, need a lot more practice, but, in my opinion, will have very likely a successful season."

"I should say that Scott is one of the best pitchers Yale has had. His curves broke well, but the great thing which he now needs is slightly better control. The fact that he pitched nine full innings against our team shows clearly that he is a pitcher of more than ordinary ability, as never before in the games in which the two teams have played together has a Yale pitcher gone the whole distance. The catcher, too, I consider an exceptionally good man."

"The infield as a whole plays a more finished game than usual at this season. The men think quickly and in general handle the ball well. I should say that the second and third basemen will be the particular stars of the infield. Bennett showing up extremely well at second base."

NOTABLE EVENTS IN BASEBALL

APRIL 15.

1911—Walter Johnson pitched his first game after signing his \$100,000 a year contract. Boston hit him safely ten times. Boston, 6; Washington, 2. A snowstorm stopped the game in Detroit in the eighth, Detroit leading. The Highlanders won the third straight from the Athletics.

1910—Graham, catcher, Boston Nationals, made four hits in four times up off Raymond and Crandall, of New York.

1909—At Brooklyn, before 30,000 people, Ames did not allow a single hit or run for nine innings, and was then batted for seven hits and three runs in three innings by Brooklyn, who won, 3 to 0. New York outfielders did not have a prospect in thirteen innings.

J. F. Cone, a veteran, who played with Harry Wright in the early '70s died in Chicago.

1908—John H. Mandigro, for twenty years sporting editor of the New York Sun, died suddenly, aged fifty years.

Demarest After Hoppe.

New York, April 14.—Calvin Demarest has challenged Champion Willie Hoppe for a return match at the \$2,500 billiard game, and has posted a forfeit of \$250. Demarest believes that if he can get at Hoppe in the near future he will be able to wrest the title from him.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Detroit, 1; Cleveland, 0.

St. Louis, 4; Chicago, 1.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Washington at New York.

Boston at Philadelphia.

St. Louis at Cleveland.

Detroit at Chicago.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Win. Loss. Pct. Wm. Loss.

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CARDINALS BEAT
CUBS IN TWELFTH

St. Louis National League Bat

Their Way to 5 to 4

Victory.

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